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*The Bible says: "seek and you will find". Matthew.7.vs7*

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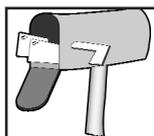
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## What's in the Summer 2006 Chainlink

### Smoking is bad for your health

*Roy and Mad Mick  
polishing their rear tyres,  
showing how it should  
be done.*



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# CMA UK Presidents report 2006 AGM

## Mike Fitton

**"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua Ch1 v8-9**

As I reflect on my travels around the UK since our last AGM I sense within CMA excitement that God is moving us forward and people are being released to minister within the areas they feel called to. Well done everybody! My desire is that everyone,



whatever role they have, would feel encouraged on a local and national basis.

I am very blessed by Sandy and Emma for their support, without which I couldn't begin to lead CMA as President.

I would like to pay tribute to Paul Mitchell and Les Jones who are stepping down from the CMA Executive at the AGM this year. They have worked incredibly hard on our behalf and I am very grateful to them. It's unlikely that they will fade into the background; their experience is too important. Please pray for those who will take their place on the Executive. I should also like to express my thanks to Louise and Ross for their patience and support.

As ever I haven't been able to accomplish everything I wanted to, but please be patient I will get there eventually.

My report will include an overview of where I have been and a taste of what I have been trying to achieve. At this stage my

main task has been to motivate everyone to adopt the vision and strategy, making it effective in their local area. I am so grateful that I haven't come up against anyone in CMA who has been negative for negative's sake. We need to see the God given possibilities, otherwise we might regretfully miss God given opportunities.

I imagine the Decca recording company lived with regret for quite a while:

**"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out."**

**~ Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962**

God bless you all and those you love  
Mike Fitton

## An overview of Mike's travels

### I have so far met with 20 branches:

North East  
 Isle of Man  
 Kent  
 Lakes and Lancs  
 North Cheshire  
 West Yorkshire  
 Surrey and Sussex  
 Devon Twig  
 North and Mid Wales  
 Bedford  
 Mess  
 East Midlands  
 Forth and Tay  
 North East Derbyshire  
 Stafford  
 Ireland  
 Dublin  
 North London  
 Merseyside  
 Norfolk at the BMF 2006 bike show

Scottish Bike Show in Edinburgh  
 Christian Resource Exhibition  
 Esher, Surrey.  
 Leaders Weekend  
 Executive Meetings  
 NE Fellowship Weekend  
 NABD Rally  
 World Horizons Mission Conference  
 Focus Day West Yorkshire Branch  
 Focus Day North Cheshire Branch  
 BMF Show Peterborough  
 Farmyard Rally, Helmsley

### International Events attended

EMC Rally, Holland  
 Belgium CMA European Leaders  
 Conference  
 30th Anniversary CMA USA, Iron  
 Mountain, Arkansas, Preaching

### Forthcoming International Events

CMA World Leaders Conference, Iron  
 Mountain, Arkansas USA June 2006  
 EMC Rally Finland August 2006

### I have plans to visit:

Thames Valley                      Date booked  
 Rest of Scotland                  Date booked  
 Borders Twig  
 West Midlands                      Date booked  
 Lincs. & East Yorkshire  
 Bristol  
 Gloucester  
 South Wales

### Events attended

Isle of Man TT  
 Northern Run for the Son  
 Stormin the Castle Rally  
 International Bike Show at the  
 NEC Birmingham



**Preaching Engagements**

I have had the privilege of preaching 26 times in the past year

**Promotional / Evangelical Resources**

Promotional posters x 2500 (2 alternatives)  
Manual for Life Biker Bible leaflets x 20,000  
Introducing CMA leaflets x 15,000  
Real Freedom Tract x 20,000  
20,000 prayer bookmarks

**Future Resources**

CMA Calendars  
Professional Exhibition / Display  
CMA Greetings cards  
Links developed  
Crusaders Youth Organisation  
World Horizons Missionary Organisation  
Financial Support for CMA Ministry  
Meetings with the Goshen Trust and Mark Mitchell

I continue to encourage members to commit financially to CMA. As a donor said, "Are you passionate about the ministry God has called you to? If so your passion will be reflected in your

giving."

A minister addressed his congregation as they began a fund raising project:

Minister: "God has provided our financial needs"

Congregation: "Praise God, H a l l e l u j a h ! "

Minister said "It's in our pockets"

Congregation "Oh!"

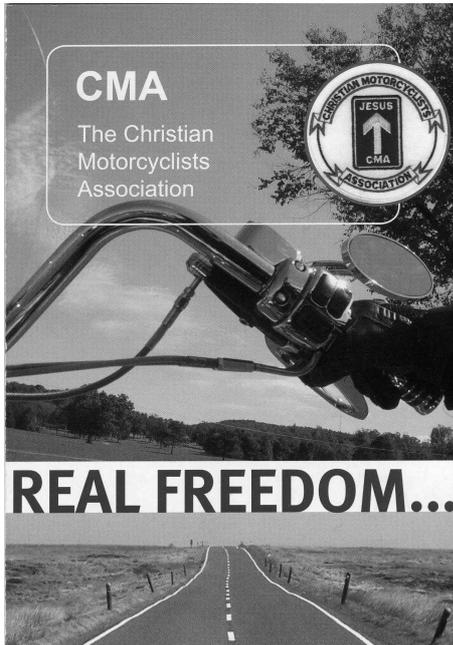
**Development Action Plan For 2006**

- 1 To produce a Youth Pack for all branches
- 2.To establish a CMA Young People's Protection Policy
- 3.To resource and develop the ministry of ladies in CMA
4. Implementation of the vision and strategy
5. I shall prayerfully seek financial sponsorship for CMA
6. (Ongoing) Establish a professional CMA exhibition for use at Christian Resource Exhibitions, Conferences and Bike Shows
7. (Ongoing) Establish partnerships with other organisations
8. Production of a new smaller format Biker bible.



# Tracts Available

by Sid O'Neill



Branches please note:- Tracts are now available. The cost to the branches is £5 per 100 or £20 for 500. Postage and packing is extra. Please use them. The money raised from this first consignment will be used for the next 20,000 and so forth.

CMA UK would like you to buy them for your branch. Individual members and affiliates can also purchase them. If you would like to buy them for your outreach work then please consider buying the tracts as they become available. There are 5 styles in the pipeline.

We are sure there are many times when you can put the Gospel message into the hands of someone who might well be looking for salvation, but who is unsure of where to look.

Remember, we have several meetings during the year, so if you want them, we will get them to you as soon as possible.

Please contact Sid  
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Phone 0151 5101524

Fred is a retired Chattanooga PD captain and the following was written by his long-time friend, Lieutenant Glen Lemley who also retired from CPD. Sent in by Larry Hartland

I want to share this conversation that I had today with a friend of mine who is in Siskin Hospital. Fred Stafford and I were partners in the Narcotics Division for about ten years. About a week before Christmas, he had a motorcycle accident in East Ridge. The officer who investigated the accident called me to inform me about what had happened. He said that when the ambulance arrived at the scene Fred was dead. Fortunately, they were able to revive him, but stated that he would probably not live through the night. I found out tonight that he died again in the accident and emergency at Erlanger the same night. About a week later I went to see Fred in the Intensive Care Unit. I knew that he had never been saved and was concerned about his salvation, so I took him a Bible. Although he was awake, he could not speak but when I gave him the Bible I saw some tears in his eyes and took that emotion to mean that he was happy that I had given it to him. My intention was to go back and talk to Fred and witness to him as soon as he was able. I found out later that his Mother asked her Pastor to go down and talk to him and that Fred accepted Christ in the hospital. Tonight Randy Dunn and I went to see Fred at Siskin. He is just now able to speak. I started talking to him about his getting saved. He then told us a story about what happened to him the night he was brought to the accident and emergency after the accident. He said that he saw himself in a room on a cot with his family and a preacher standing around him. Everyone was crying and someone said that he had been a good man. He said that he heard everything that they were saying and that he was trying to tell them that he was not dead. Then two men came into the room, put him on a stretcher and rolled him down a hall to a large door. They pushed him through the

door into a huge room where he saw a conveyer belt with people on it. He said that he could tell that they were all dead. The two men put him on the conveyer belt and when it started moving he said that he started yelling to them that he was not dead. At that point a creature that looked like Darth Vader with red eyes that looked like they were on fire, flew up in his face and started screaming at him. Then something flew up in his face that he could not even explain what it looked like. He said that all he could see was that it was dressed in clothing so white that it lit up everything around it. He said that he was still yelling that he was not dead. At the end of the conveyer belt he could see two huge doors and that both creatures were standing there arguing about him. He couldn't tell what they were saying, but knew that they were arguing over who was going to get him. Fred said that at this time he cried, DEAR GOD DON'T LET ME GO TO HELL. He said that the next thing he remembered was a nurse standing over him telling him that he was at Erlanger Hospital and that he had been involved in a motorcycle accident. At this point, Fred started crying uncontrollably. I went over to the bed and told him that he didn't have anything to be afraid of now that he had accepted Christ as his Savior. After thinking about what Fred told us, this has got to be the scariest thing I have ever heard. I think that every unsaved person who hears this story should run to the nearest church or Christian and beg them to help them get saved. I know that this incident has changed Fred's life. He said that he would like to start reading the Bible, but he is now blind in one eye and everything that he can see out of the other one is very blurry. I am going to buy him a cassette tape of the Bible and take it to him to listen to.

## Ladies - its for you

by Sandy Angel-Jones Fitton

### Response to Getting to Know Ladies of CMA Questionnaire

Chris and I would both like to thank all the ladies that responded to the above questionnaire and the positive comments that were expressed at the AGM.

The discussion at the AGM highlighted a few misconceptions as to who should have received the questionnaire and how it was obtained.

Therefore, in order to encourage all ladies who are associated with CMA to fill in this questionnaire if they, I would like to clarify the following:



1. Any lady who is involved with CMA in any way whatsoever is encouraged to fill in the questionnaire. This includes, wives, girlfriends, daughters (over 18yrs), whether you ride a bike or not.
  2. Any response, good or bad, is equally received and essential for a true representation - honesty is the only answer we need.
  3. Copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from your Branch Secretary.
  4. Your response can be sent directly to me (Sandy); the address is on the accompanying letter of the questionnaire, or via your secretary.
  5. This questionnaire is not designed to create a divide between men and women in CMA, but to encourage ladies in CMA's ministry.
- Once again, thank you for your support and encouragement and we would love to receive at least 150 more replies to obtain a true picture.

**The form is on the [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) web site  
under Downloads under Questionnaire for Women**

Please consider this request. For more information and help with filling in this form  
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## North London Branch

by Ade Badejo

On 17th April 06, I did my first South End run from ACE Café with the North London Branch members Larry Hartland, Marianne Hartland and Philip Hull. We had a great day. I never liked going on motorways or dual carriage-ways, but these two brothers and sister made me feel very confident as I was riding my new 650cc drag star. We stopped at a petrol station to fill up our tanks and met another motorcyclist going to the South End run, who came to ask us if we were members of the Klue Klux Klan. That was very funny, but Larry explained to him that we are Christian Bikers and the white cross signifies the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The North London Branch is growing stronger in the Lord and in our meetings we have bible study with Reverend David Bass at the Hainult Road Baptist Church.



Reverend David Bass is also a member of the CMA North London branch. We are growing as a branch, and Philip and Larry have made a lot of contacts. We pray that those they have made contact with will join us soon. Philip Hull is now the chairman of the North London Branch and Larry and I are secretaries. Larry deals with events and is also the regional rep and I deal with the admin side and am also the treasurer.

I attended the AGM for the first time and I was so excited to see to many members of the CMA who share the same passion; bikes and Christ. It was such a lovely atmosphere, with everyone enjoying themselves. I was very pleased to meet members from other branches. Members of North London branch will be hiring a bus to take us all down to the National Rally. We hope to see you there.

## Thank You

by Ted Russell

Thank you for electing me to the Executive in April.

I am pleased to take on the role of National Secretary and I believe that this is an important time to support Mike in his vision for CMA.

I thought there was a good atmosphere at the AGM and a healthy exchange of viewpoints. I do hope

personally to encourage this exchange and to play my part in improving communication, both within the membership and to and from the Executive. Many people have recently acknowledged the importance of better communication. It's so easy to wrongly assume that others know the same as each other and are as well informed. I believe there are now some encouraging signs of new enthusiasm and commitment, with more members taking on additional roles and contributing to the running of CMA. I would like to encourage you to contact me if there are particular issues causing concern or you have



some suggestions where things could be improved. Equally, we can encourage each other with news of blessings we know about and where we think that things are going in the right direction. As I mentioned earlier, it is easy to make wrong assumptions about what people know. If you feel you

need to know more about anything, you can rest assured that you are not the only one thinking like that. Bring it to my attention and I will endeavour to address the situation. I already have some things I would like to see improved, but things don't always move as fast as we would like and a little patience is required. We will get there though. Royal Mail have only just acknowledged that post will be redirected to me from the Post Office Box, and I am still waiting for calls to the 0800 telephone number to be redirected to me. Maybe by the time you read this it will have been done.

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

## Adelaide "Toy Run" with CMA-SA

by John Pritchard

Saturday morning started early with a quick breakfast, application of the suntan lotion followed by the spray of fly and mossie repellent, finally finishing dressing by putting on my CMA cut-off, then I was ready and

waiting in the 40 degree heat for Bruce Lowe to arrive.

Bruce had a spare helmet and plenty of space on the pillion seat of his 500cc "super scooter". With my backpack under the seat I was ready to go.

Travelling through Adelaide city centre we were soon at the coastal resort of Glenelg, where I became suddenly aware that the main road and every side street was packed with motorcyclists and motorcycles - the local radio & television reported that there were in excess of 17.000 people attending this charity event!

Time for Bruce and self to have a walk about, viewing the variety of machinery, taking photographs, chatting to people and enjoying the atmosphere as the body sweat in the rising humidity!

The sounds of the leading group of motorcycles (Harley Davison M.C.C.) starting their engines was a warning



Wayne and John

that the rally was about to start off.

The route took the famous "Anzac Highway" into the Adelaide Hills, gathering at the recreation ground in the small town of Hahndorf.

Thousands of people had

gathered along the route to watch the five mile long procession of motorcycles, covered with tinsel and toys attached, pass them by.

A common practice was for sweets to be thrown by the pillion riders to the children as the motorcycles drove past at a steady 50 Km-h, then a "high - five" would be given in return amid lots of laughter and cheering.

The police (motorcycle & patrol cars) ensured that all the main road junctions were made safe for the convoy of motorcycles to cross over to the Adelaide suburbs, then with the assistance of "marshals" positioned on the motorway slip roads, the traffic was kept moving safely.

The only "casualties" were a few motorcycles that had stopped by the roadside, caused by overheating or electrical faults due to the heat of the day.

Entry to the recreation ground was paid by a "gold coin" (\$1 or \$2 coin) with the money going to the Salvation Army, who would ensure that the needy of Adelaide would have a Christmas dinner.

There were lots of charity stalls to keep one occupied, and enough food and cold drink trailers to cope with the needs of the thousands of visitors. All monies taken were to be given to various children's charities.

A number of motorcycle clubs were promoting themselves, such as WEMA, "Uleceyces" which is a social group of over 50 year olds!

The CMA / SA had a stall surrounded with large banners, and the members passed out softback copies of St. John's Gospel, along with free cold drinks and advice to everyone.

There was also entertainment from "live bands" and a local radio station that was operating the disco.

At the CMA stall Bruce introduced me to Wayne Shepherd (Chairman) and "Skoota" Hamilton (newsletter Editor). I was given such a warm welcome from everyone, and was soon chattering away about the CMA and other common interests.

I had "Skoota" use my camera as I presented Wayne with the Lincolnshire flag, which has the "Lincolnshire & East Yorks" badge sewn onto it. Wayne was totally lost for words, such was the surprise gift from myself on behalf of CMA - UK.

I explained the meaning of the different colours that were used on the flag, (BLUE = sea & sky, GOLD =

corn in the fields, RED CROSS of St. George, and the symbol of the Flure de Lure + Lincoln Cathedral), as Wayne regained his composure enough for us to have a photograph taken of this special event.

Too quickly the time passed us by. Bruce now took me back to Kerry and Nick's home for afternoon tea, and to meet "the Relly's" - that's Nicks relatives for the first time!

Away from the motorway, over the top of the Adelaide Hills on twisting and hilly roads through small towns, Bruce displayed his great skills on the tight bends at speed!

On my CMA cut off I have an "Adelaide Toy Run" metal badge, that Bruce brought me as a gift, along with some wonderful memories of being with the members of CMA - SA, who generously gave me their love and friendship.



# President and the 2006 Executive Team



**Mike Fitton (President)**



**Christine Clifton**



**Johnny Hallas**



**Jason Bee**



**Rob Urand**



**Ted Russell**

## Note from the Editor

### **Deadline for Winter 2006 edition is 15th October**

Publication dates are:- April - August - December

### **Where were you?** by Ken Hardy



My wife, not a biker by any means, is involved in quite a few activities, PTA, study at City college for a HNC/D, kids work at the church etc, but she is also coordinator of a charity nation wide, for kids with heart defects and is a support person as well, organising whatever is needed in the East Anglia area; parties, train rides, trips to big children's play parks etc.

She is off to the AGM in London soon and was surprised that out of the 1,400 invited, only 14 replies were received and out of those, 7 have said they will be there. I know Pidd has mentioned this before. David Hunter has also said what's the point in belonging if you're really not bothered about the reason that the group exists. Ok, so you pay your joining fee and that's used, where the CMA is concerned, for the Glory of the Lord, **but where were you?**

We have many events nationwide. Each event takes a lot of effort by a small band of individuals, generally the same band, **because you're not there.**

Consider supporting the Leaders Weekends, the AGM, the National Rally. They are without doubt a blessing given to the CMA by God. Consider the Farmyard Rally, WOW! what a ministry, if we can make it a brilliant show again this year. Then there are many other events, nationwide. Go and help other branches run their show, event, whatever, phone people up, tell them you're able to be there. The fact you have chosen to go to an event, maybe someone will find the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Be fundamental - Be outgoing - Be working for the Lord. Be there!**

Articles for the Chainlink are most welcome, PLEASE REMEMBER.

All names, addresses and pictures, especially of children, must have permission to be published. If I get them, I am assuming you have done just that, so the sender needs to be responsible for all information sent. If in doubt, run it past the President or the Exec. committee.

All pictures must be separate from any document; ie, send them as tiff or jpg, either on e-mails or CD by post. For all photos sent, give an accompanying description of them on a thumbnail picture page, so I can relate them to specific events, then they can go on downloads as a picture montage. All photos sent will be returned.

# Kiddies page 0-11 years



## Young Adults page 12-18 years



BMF 2006 a brilliant weekend with lots of families with lots of children visiting.

Perhaps one of the wettest on record!

If you missed the weekend, put it in your diary for next year. Go, be there, support the BMF and the CMA stand.

Bargains galore, lots of fun for everyone.

We have events all over the UK. Look at [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk)

**Johnathan 12 and Conner 13 from the Norfolk branch, mmmm, the answer is no you cannot have a new bike**

The CMA aims its ministry at the wide range of biking enthusiasts

Children of all ages are welcome to be part of this international outreach organisation

You do not have to own a bike, ride a bike, or know about bikes, but we want passionate people, passionate for the Lord and the outreach work of the CMA.

Look at [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk)



## Hi, It's me again by Emma Angel-Jones

Hello,

Last time I wrote an article I was asking for prayer because I was applying to go to a Crusoe Overseas Project. Well, thank you for the prayers, but sadly my application was too late and I didn't get a place! But now I have another thing to go to which is called NE1, it's being organised by Youth For Christ and Soul Survivor.

It's based in the North of England and I will be going to Sunderland and Newcastle, doing outreach through community work based in that area.

NE1 needs a lot of prayer as they were hoping that around 3000 would apply, but sadly the numbers aren't big enough.

I'm sure me and all the other NE1 applicants would appreciate this trip in the future as it will open our eyes into the world around us. I would love to thank you all for the support you have given me through the articles that I have written.

If there are any young people out there who would love to try out NE1 please contact NE1.

Here are all the details:

Email: [mail@ne1online.org](mailto:mail@ne1online.org)

Website: [NE1online.org](http://NE1online.org)

Thank you again and I hope that all you young people realise that NE1 could be the greatest blessing to you.

Many thanks,

Emma



**Emma relaxing at home**

# Wordsearch Challenge

by Mike Fitton

This is for all the younger generation under 18 years old

Hi - the challenge is to find each of the following words.  
The bigger challenge is to beat the adults.

GODLOVESYOU - YAMAHA - MOTORCYCLISTS - MOTORCYCLE  
SCOOTER - JESUS - HONDA - KAWASAKI - HARLEY - CHRISTIAN  
BMW - ASSOCIATION - SUZUKI - DUCATI

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then you can post it to the editor, who will check them all off.

In the event of a tie, then the one I get first will be the winner.

Just as an extra incentive, if you find any other words, list them as well.

## Norfolk Branch-A Good Weekend

by Tony Parker

We managed to pack in three back-to-back events on 3rd / 4th June, starting with Eccles, Mark and Ian from Bedford going along to the Zinc Alloy rally for the Saturday night, although there was a slight problem with the smoke screen issuing from Eccles electrics,



requiring him to return home on the Sunday night, relying on the charge in the battery!

Sunday, 2 PM, saw about seven of us, including Calum, Ken Hardy's son who is becoming a regular attendee at events now, joining with a couple of hundred bikers and trikers at the "Eddie", the King Edward VIIth pub on Aylsham road in Norwich. A good chance to mix, chat and show the Cross. One incident there struck Eccles as significant. One of the guys who he has chatted to very often in the past showed up, sporting an upside-down cross and a copy of the book of common prayer. OK, he did it just to take the mickey, but at the very least he knew CMA would be there.

Probably the highlight of the weekend came next; straight from the 'Eddie' to the Salvation Army Citadel, where

they had invited us to take part in their evening service. We were a bit bowled over by their suggestion that we should have three bikes at the front of the church during the service. What a brilliant idea, and they looked great there too. I didn't see them being rolled into position. I

reckon it must have been fun! After introductions and welcomes, Ken explained what CMA is all about. Tony and Mark gave their testimonies and Mike gave the address, building on John 3.16 and Luke 13.v26-30. He pointing out that once we have grasped the truth of that mind-bending verse in John, we have an obligation to live by its truth and to carry out the great commission, offering salvation to all, or else risk being one of those refused entry. Mike's words seemed to be particularly well received.

The coffee and biscuits refreshments gave a good opportunity to chat about what we want to achieve in our mission, and we hope to be invited to return some time in the not too distant future.

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty." (*Think about it!*)

## Norfolk Branch Photos



**Jan, Ken, Eccles and 8 year old Calum at the Edward VII Trike and Bike show Norwich, Norfolk**



**Major Ray Begley from the Salvation Army Citadel in Norwich with some of the bikes inside for the evening service**



**Just a few of the members and bikes on our 1st Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm meet at Witard Road. They come from all over Norfolk; Diss, Lowerstoft, Dereham, Thetford, Cambridge, Bungay, plus Norwich.**

## Anstey Charity Egg Run by John Pritchard

The weather forecast for Palm Sunday was for a cold, wet and windy day - all over the East Midlands region.

The month was keeping its promise of "April Showers", even if the

early morning was cold with bright, clear skies and lots of sunshine!

An early start was needed to be in plenty of time for the church service at St. Mary's Parish Church in Anstey. Once parked, I notice a yellow motorcycle parked up in the driveway; mmm who was this?

Once inside, I found Gill rushing about trying to get some breakfast, searching for her gloves and scarf whilst having a conversation with a young lady, with others drinking cups of tea.

I was introduced to Sue from Lincoln, the owner of the said motorcycle, who had been invited by Gill to join us on this run out. So on our way.

My "navigation skills" were lacking as I lead the two ladies around a large housing estate in Bingham, having forgotten to "keep left" from the main road, but eventually, we found Julian and his nice bungalow.

Chris, (Chairman of the Bingham M.C.C), arrived on his Buell, then Tim on his step through scooter, as he was going pillion with Julian.

We were rather delayed as Julian



could not start up his motorcycle, even though it had been running a short time previously.

We soon had it going. Chris got some jump leads, and the motorcycle engine fired into life as

soon as the leads was connected up to the car battery.

Now there was a desperate need to leave as it was getting close to the starting time for the church service.

We all safely followed Julian down the A46 at a good "cruising speed" and quickly made up for lost time.

Sue did really well to stay with us, as she did not have any protection against the windblast; also, this was the first time that she has been in convoy with other motorcyclists.

Following the large "Anstey Egg Run" signs we soon found ourselves in "the nook" car park.

There were a lots of motorcycles and scooters with more arriving all the time.

Inside the church it was standing room only.

A very lively church service. Jay Phelps, minister and CMA member leading from the front was using his wonderful personality to its best advantage in presenting a modern language version of "Palm Sunday", which raised some laughter from the large congregation.

This was followed by an invitation for all non Christians present to consider accepting Jesus into their lives.

Mike Fitton gave a simple presentation on the history, growth and the mission statement of C.M.A to reach the "lost community" of motorcyclists with information on how this is being achieved through "Holy Joe's" refreshment tents.

Mike then finished with a personal request for prayer support from the congregation for the C.M.A leadership and members.

With the service drawn to an end by prayer and a rousing song "We are marching in the light of God" the procession was led to "The Nook" car park.

Here the church congregation and visiting public watched the large number of motorcyclists put eggs into the motorcycle hearse.

Much time was taken by everyone to enjoy the special event. Tony "Skooter" Stanton was enjoying the task of ensuring that every participating motorcyclist was given a commemorative "Easter Egg" badge in recognition of their efforts to support this event.

C.M.A were acting as "marshals" to cover the road junctions of the route through the countryside and pretty villages of Woodhouse Eaves and Thringstone.

There were few problems on the 23 kilometre journey with 200+ motorcyclists, which was seen by many people who were out on a Sunday afternoon drive.

Once there, the eggs were taken to a local hospice / care centre.

The sunshine gradually disappeared as the dark clouds covered the sky, then a sudden sleet / snow shower drove everyone inside, where the staff were overwhelmed by the orders for midday meals and hot and cold drinks.

Myself, "Ducati Gill" and Sue walked to the nearby Morrisons superstore, where we enjoyed coffee with sandwiches and cakes, mixed with good conversation and laughter.

We waited till the wet weather had done its worst before we ventured outside to return back to the public house and rejoin the many motorcyclists who had stayed to enjoy the good company and atmosphere.

Chris on his Buell, Julian with Tim (pillion), Gill, Sue and myself travelled across country to the A46 just north of Six Hills, where we saw a delightful sight of a Norton 650 Dominator ridden by a gentleman, and a Triumph 650 Goldstar being ridden by a lady motorcyclist in "Belstaff" leathers, just cruising along at 60 mph, total nostalgia!

At Bingham, Chris and Julian with Tim went their way, and myself, Gill and Sue continued on the A52, through Grantham then onto Sleaford, where Sue continued to Lincoln for us all to arrive at our homes after a wonderful day out.

*See next page for a montage of pictures*



## Major Events List 2006

**Always check out the web site [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) under events, for events throughout the UK.**

**To be at any event, please look ahead. For example, if you have to book holidays then the sooner you book them the sooner you will be able to confirm you're able to join in at an event. Also, if you know of events let your branch know, so they can put the date on their events listings.**

**Look at the whole of the UK. The major events where the CMA have a presence also need your support. Go, you will love it, give it a try. Get to a NABD rally or the Farmyard or the HJ at Bristol - GO FOR IT, SUPPORT YOUR CMA.**

**A little personal info from Tony for the Chainlink. Do you know him? No? Well I am sure he would be very happy for you to chat to him. Phone your brothers and sisters in Christ and have a chat.**

Tony Parker, (Cleo)  
Norwich branch.

My first bike, a 1934 Rudge Sports 250, came in a tea chest in late 1945. This gave me about six months to learn about, and with my Dad's help to build it for my 16th birthday in May '46. It later took me back and forth from RAF Coltishall to Wolverhampton, sometimes with Hazel (Nutty), now my wife, on the rock hard pillion (girder forks and unsprung frame),

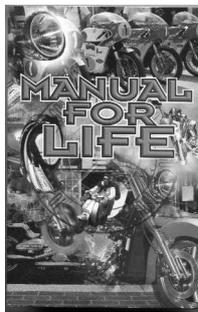


'happy days'.

Via a 250 GTP Velocette I moved on to 350 and 500 AJS's, the latter to haul the Watsonian Maxtoke sidecar now required for our two daughters. Later came the inevitable four wheels, but at the same time I have always run a two wheeler with an engine fitted, In keeping with my venerable age. I now run a 1956 350 B31 BSA, Which I also restored, so it's gone full circle

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## Sand and Stone by Pidd



A story goes that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on

a stone: Today my best friend saved my life. The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it. Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.

**CMA Merchandising - watch this space**

## mmm Something to think on!

by Sue Brown



When joining a club, think what joining entails

Be honest and face them when 'grinding your axe'

Don't end up becoming a member who fails

Drum up fellow members when interest lags

Cos it's not just the cost of your annual fee

And don't say "Not me, it's too much of a drag"

It's attending the branch instead of watching TV

"I've got painting or gardening (or something) to do"

Or it's actively helping to sort out the club Do's

For our Branch is made up of such people as you.

And not just opting out because that's what you choose.

Remember the fellowship found among friends,

Don't say all decisions are made by the few

The message that comradeship so often sends...

Get down to the meeting and state your own view

So please do your bit, be it large / be it small

Don't slate club officials from behind their backs

For without you, my friend, there'd be no BRANCH at all.

## For the Ladies; Not long ago

by Sue Brown

Not long ago I couldn't have imagined being 'in the chair', so to speak, but there you are and here I am. The subject of writing first arose on a chilly day last February at the CMA teaching weekend hosted by our Lakes & Lancs Branch. It



was held amid hoar frost and birdsong in a uniquely British hamlet called Quernmore on the upper hem of the Trough of Boland. The Trough is beloved of us Northern bikers for its beauty, its bends, and its proximity to Devil's Bridge for cups of hot tea and bacon sarnies to reward the intrepid soul when seeking rest. During a break between teaching spots, Ken (the Editor) and I were sharing news when he snuck in a neatly camouflaged invitation to make a contribution to Chainlink, "for the ladies".

Those of you who know me may well smile because, before I knew it, a small, but perfectly formed "Yes" came out of my mouth like one of those bubbles you can blow with washing up liquid and a straw, all rainbow shades and far too big to go against the laws of physics. And there it hung, suspended in the air. During the almost imperceptible pause that followed, I can only say Ken's face lit up, and it slowly dawned on me what I had done.

We ladies constitute around one third of the total CMA membership, yet I only know a handful of you. I apologise if my

style does not suit everyone, but it would take a professionally trained journo to hit that particular spot and I may have been many things in life, but a column writer? Not until today.

For this first attempt, I will do what any post-modern writer seems to do and 'place' myself, so you have some idea of what filters how I think. Having bought my first bike for 16 years in Feb 2001, I first encountered CMA the following September at Rossendale Bike Show. The folk I met that day were so welcoming and inclusive that I ignored my habitual reticence over such things and started going to the local meetings. As someone who spent many years learning how to appear socially confident, when inside I still feel shy and clumsy, I have also learned that the Lord will honour even my smallest, most inept attempts as I venture out under the banner of His Son.

I end now with a few words from our Saviour, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honour the one who serves me." (John 12:26). Being somehow on the fringe is often the natural habitat of a motorcyclist and Jesus spent his time "outside the camp", because that is where He suffered, "to make the people holy through His own blood." (Heb.13:12).

## When I am low - I will remind myself of this

by Sue Brown



### If...

Jesus died for everyone  
then Jesus died for me.  
He died to mend my brokenness,  
He died to set me free.  
He died to make me whole again,  
He died to make me strong.  
He died because I needed Him  
To right what I've done wrong.  
He died because He knew the score.  
He died because of Love.  
He died so I could see the face  
Of Him Who Is, above.  
He died that one day I could stand  
Unclothed before the LORD.  
He died to break my bondage  
With the Holy Spirit's sword.  
He died for my addictions  
And for all the times I've lied  
He died despite my blind mistakes,  
My arrogance, my pride.  
He died to mend my tattered dreams  
He died to help me see:  
The way, the truth, the life - in Him.  
My Saviour died - for me:  
Sue Brown, b. 12/12/1957

# Where is your life's highway leading?

Sent in by Sean Kelly

Every so often, I get asked what makes someone a biker?

Biking is all things to all people. For some, it gives a sense of belonging or identification, a spirit of brotherhood that everyone shares the same idealism or



goals. That's why some choose to belong to a motorcycle club.

Some folk look to bike shows and rallies, where there are no rules and a continuous weekend non-stop party. Perhaps it's a form of escapism, where the mundane Monday to Friday can be forgotten. Then there is the materialistic edge, where matching helmet, leathers and bike are ones to be noticed, posing along the highway. And of course thrill seekers that push the bike to the limit to gain that extra buzz.

Behind all this, for whatever reason, the biker is a person. I am sure if I went out today and asked riders which direction they were pointing and where they hope to travel to, everyone would have a pretty good idea of how to get there. In worldly practical terms of course.

The Christian Motorcyclist's Association logo is a direction arrow pointing up. I wonder how many people on the highway could tell me

which way their spiritual direction is and where are they are destined spiritually.

In prayer recently the Lord said "There are many lost people on the roads and highways, and life's journey stretches

beyond life's highway into eternity."

The individual prayers and prayer tent at rallies is important. Its easy, (or not so easy), to talk about God, but when you pray with someone, prayer changes things, and when folk see the Lord moving through prayer in their lives it's an experience of God that cannot be denied or forgotten so easily.



# Trumpet Call

by Graham Johnson

When the trumpets are calling, I'll go,  
To my Saviour in Heaven above,  
Who died on the cross long ago,  
As a sign of His infinite love.

I'll no longer fear the long dark night,  
At the end, when my days here are done,  
For all that I'll see is the glorious sight,  
Of the Father, the Spirit, the Son.

I place my trust in the Son of God,  
The one that they crucified,  
And as through this life, the pathways  
I've trod,  
I've found all I've needed, supplied.

But when I hear those trumpets call,  
With music so clear and so pure,  
I'll hope that to Him, I'll have given my  
all,  
While I wait at eternity's door.

To gain access to that Holy Land,  
It's easy if you know the way,  
Just trust Him and hold on to His  
loving hand,  
And live with Him every day.  
The misfortunes of life will still pass  
by,  
But He hears your heartfelt prayer,  
And though others will mock, and  
your faith decry,  
You'll never have need to despair.

Just as night turns to morning, His  
love ever new,  
Will enfold you and keep you from  
harm,  
And when His great Kingdom comes  
into your view,  
All the storms on life's oceans He'll  
calm.

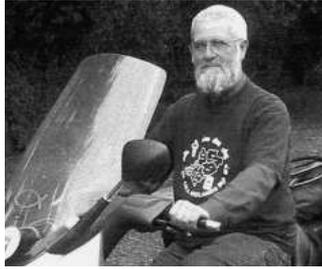
So when the trumpets are calling,  
we'll go,  
To our Saviour in Heaven above,  
Who died on the cross long ago,  
As a sign of His infinite love.



## Football, Politics and Religion

Written by Pidd

It was 8.30am, Tuesday 9th May and I was reading the notes in "Every Day With Jesus" having read through Acts 10, 9-48 in our "Manual for Life". We are in a period of secular



life where three football teams are in the 'relegation zone', because they have won insufficient points to remain in the Premiership - my local team, Birmingham City is one of those - or rather their team have not scored enough goals to earn the necessary points total to stay up. Last week it was learned that the Home Office had allowed many, possibly hundreds, of convicted, dangerous, foreign nationality criminals, murderers, rapists, terrorists and their like to return to civil life when they should have been deported back to the countries of their origin, having served their term of sentence.

A certain well known high ranking politician - and he's not the first either - has been discovered in infidelity with his secretary.

All these players in their particular 'game' have failed, but the overall effect is the same. A huge clamour for their Manager, Secretary of State, and/or Prime Minister to resign, or be dismissed from their office, solely because they are in charge and 'carry

the can' so to speak for their 'players' (employees) failures and infidelities.

In this passage from "Acts" Paul, having had a puzzling vision and instruction from God, goes to Caesarea to

meet Cornelius who has also had a vision and actually wants to hear about Jesus. As a result, Cornelius and his relatives received the Holy Spirit and were baptised.

So where's the difference between these situations? The football teams go on kicking a ball from one to another over and over again and occasionally, by a flash of inspiration, or agility by one, a goal is scored. Those Civil Servants go on passing pieces of paper around because that is how the system seems to work (I know that's a simplistic view from an outsider so I apologise to any Civil Servants we may have in CMA).

Members of Parliament are only human beings after all so it's not surprising that some of them waver in dedication to their work.

The author of 'Every Day With Jesus' Selwyn Hughes, wrote "the house of Cornelius had an ideal congregation who were 'eager and expectant' - I repeat 'EAGER AND EXPECTANT'".

Are those teams of eleven really eager and expectant that they are going to score more goals than the opposition? Are those civil servants really eager and expectant that they are doing a good job by not questioning things that surely must seem wrong? Are those politicians really eager and expectant that they will operate the country to the best advantage of us all? Are our home churches eager and expectant to welcome Jesus' return? Are all of us in CMA eager and expectant that the visions sent by God to our leaders will turn out to be fruitful?

I think not.

Having been a member now for fifteen years a number of visions have come into being; a major success being Manual For Life. However, if we had not been blessed by the inspiration - the eagerness and expectation - of Miracle Valley - Hollybush on that amazing period from Friday night's service through to our departure after Sunday morning's worship, somehow I fear that that vision would have foundered as has 'Run For The Son' which was originally supposed to bring in megabucks as our American brothers do annually. There have been other visions too which have similarly foundered. The Biblical prophets of old also had visions for the future as they perceived it. Did the ancients take these to heart en masse? I think not.

Selwyn Hughes' notes conclude with this point which needs to be made: if

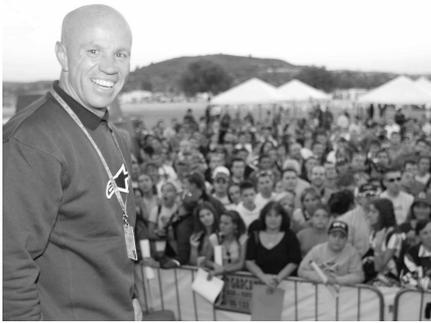
the Spirit is not at work in your church (club, team, work force?), don't necessarily blame the preacher (Manager, Home Secretary, Prime Minister?). It may be because the congregation are not filled with expectation."

I believe that CMA as a whole unit is not so filled with eagerness and expectation, though there are pockets which are. However, pockets do not make a complete suit for they need the main body for support. We need that thread running through the seams and joints. We need all of us - currently around five hundred. We need all five hundred together at one time at major events. The AGM is the really BIG ONE where we should all be together, but like most church meetings and secular club meetings in my experience, it is rare to get more than one third attending. Much the same applies to the National Rally. Why? Probably because those who don't come (apart from those with work commitments) do not have that innate eager expectancy that great things will happen.



## Motorcycles Saving lives Riders for Health

Whether it's high-speed racing or a weekend trip through the countryside with friends - motorcycling is a d r e n a l i n - pumping, thrilling, and heart-racing.



**Randy Mamola as an RfH Fundraiser**

But what a lot of people don't realise is that it's also life-saving.

To find out why motorcycles are saving lives (millions of lives) you have to go back a few years to 1979, when a young American arrived in the motorcycling Grand Prix paddock. At just nineteen years of age, Randy Mamola had already been racing bikes at an international level for four years. Andrea Coleman (herself a track veteran from a family of bikers) worked with Randy as his PR manager and had noticed his passion for helping children in difficulties. Together, they decided to donate a percentage of Randy's winnings to an international children's charity.

Within a short space of time they had brought many of the other GP teams and riders on board, and the donations from fundraising events in the paddock became large enough to attract the attention of the charity's patron, Princess Anne. So in 1988, the charity asked Randy if he'd like to

see how that money was being spent. Together with biking journalist and author (and Andrea's husband), Barry Coleman, Randy travelled out to Somalia and Kenya to see the

work at first hand. That trip was to change their lives.

What they saw, out in the backyards of the rural health clinics, were junk heaps of broken-down vehicles. Motorcycles with just a few thousand kilometres on the clock were piled-up, abandoned and rusting. A British nurse told them: "We can't reach these people here. They're nomads and we don't have any transport." At the back of the hospital compound stood an almost-new \$30,000 Land Cruiser, grounded forever for the want of a three-dollar part.



Boy on donated Honda XL125  
Zimbabwe 2005

Without reliable vehicles, health service delivery was out of the question. And for individuals like Sulayman Suso, the lack of transport had tragic consequences. His wife Karo was about to give birth, but the ambulance, which should have taken her to hospital from their remote village, broke down. Karo and her unborn child both died and Sulayman was left to care for their two-year old daughter, Ooli.

"I know that if my wife had been taken to hospital she would still be alive today," says Sulayman. "She's dead because there was no transport. It should never

have happened. I feel such a terrible sense of loss and my little girl will never know her mother."

And so the idea for Riders for Health was born in that garage of broken-down motorcycles. What good was twenty-first century medicine if it had to be delivered on foot? How would aid ever reach all the people who needed it if there was no reliable transportation - if nobody could fix a vehicle when it broke down? In a land without vehicle dealerships or roadside rescue services to call on, the founders of Riders for Health identified a clear objective: to invent a

system that would make sure health service delivery was never undermined by failing vehicles, no matter how harsh the conditions.

In the sixteen years since then, the world has changed a little because of bikes and bikers. Andrea enlisted the support of the motorcycle community worldwide, with such success that

Riders is now the official charity of both MotoGP and the Federacion Internationale de Motorcyclisme (FIM). Every year the MotoGP paddock at Donington is disrupted by the Riders for Health 'Day of Champions' - a unique fundraising event, which gives

race fans the chance to see behind the scenes and sees all the series' top racers auction kit from signed pictures to helmets and leathers.



Gambian health worker Manyo Gibba with children



Zimbabwean health worker advises a family

Meanwhile, Barry Coleman, working in partnership with African colleagues, set about developing the system that is now known as Transport Resource Management (TRM).



**Randy Mamola**

fitted on time and that regular servicing is carried out. The Riders teams work on an 'outreach' basis, meaning that technicians go to service the vehicles in the locations in which

These days, Riders for Health has grown into a globally-recognised organisation, which manages vehicles for African ministries of health, United Nations agencies and the World Health Organisation. Vehicles of all kinds - motorcycles, trucks, cars, even motorcycle-and-sidecar ambulances - are now running perfectly in Zimbabwe, Nigeria and the Gambia, meeting the health care needs of millions of people.

The key to the Riders programmes is maintenance, which even among bikers is becoming something of a lost art. Motorcycles are so well made these days that they rarely go wrong, provided we do all the stuff it tells us to in the handbook. Of course that's easy in the UK, but very tough in Africa. There are no motorcycle dealers and no service networks, so you have to invent one - and one that doesn't depend on expensive equipment or big workshops. Riders has done just that.

Riders' systems are built around the concept of preventive maintenance. A network of trained local technicians works with Riders' fleet managers to make sure that replacement parts are

they run. Impromptu workshops are set up under baobab trees or in remote villages. The technicians also train the health workers in basic vehicle maintenance and repair to ensure that the vehicles perform correctly until their next service.

Says Andrea: "It's difficult to persuade people that what we're doing is really a solution to many of the health issues in Africa. Because they see people living in 13th century conditions, they make an assumption that what's appropriate is a 13th century solution - an ox cart, a donkey cart, whereas we know that what's appropriate to save lives is to use 21st century technology that is properly managed."



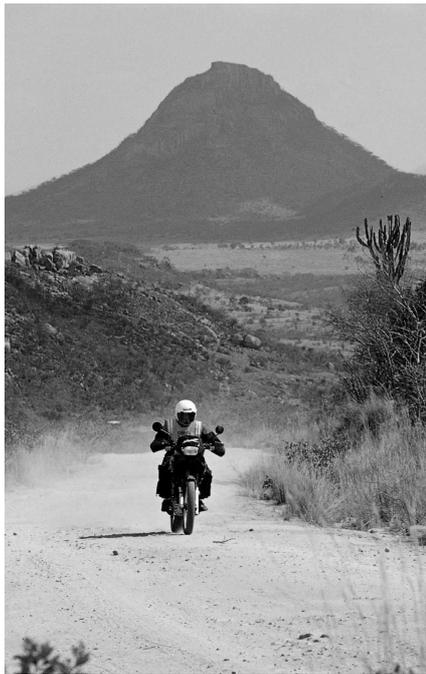
Health worker shakes a hand en-route to a remote village

In the Gambia, for example, a motorcycle has become an essential tool for community health nurse Manyo Gibba. Manyo cares for pregnant women and infants in over 12 villages, and her visits are crucial: in sub-Saharan Africa, one in 16 mothers dies in childbirth.

Says Manyo: "For the first two years of my job, I did not have a motorcycle. There was no mobility. I used to walk to go and supervise my traditional birth

attendants. But now, since I've had the motorcycle, I have never failed an appointment with them."

Thanks to Riders for Health's teams (all of which are made up entirely of Africans), health workers across Africa are now able to reach their remote communities day in, day out. It means that medieval diseases like bubonic plague can be prevented, because someone can deliver a packet of flea powder. It means that a woman who might have died from a difficult labour now has the chance to see her child grow up, because a trained midwife was able to reach her in time. It means that the people of rural Africa can receive the regular health care we take for granted,



Bikes cover large distances

giving them back the strength to fight poverty and create a brighter future for their kids.

Randy Mamola certainly has no doubts about the capacity of bikers to change the world: "Riders is such a great idea because it takes something we all love and are passionate about - motorcycles - and uses them to do something really amazing. It's the same tool that I

used to get to where I'm at today - that's helping to save people's lives."

In 2005 the support of bikers around the world helped Riders for Health enable African health workers to reach over ten million people with regular health care. But if we are to stop even more people dying of easily-preventable diseases, then we urgently need to expand our programmes. Every donation will help us to reach this target.

To find out more about how motorcycles are saving lives and to make a donation, please visit [www.riders.org](http://www.riders.org) or phone 01327 300047.

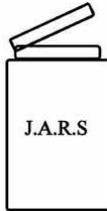
## Moving on in God's will by Ian and Sue Paxton

Let us introduce ourselves, we are Ian and Sue Paxton (The Paxos, as we are sometimes better known) and currently live in Norton, just north of Stockton-on-Tees. Our membership of C.M.A. goes back twenty-three years, and during that time we have held various positions within the club, the most notable being Magazine Editors for several years during the eighties.

Some of you may know us already, but even if you do, here's a bit of gen. to bring you up to date.

Currently members of the North East Branch, we have, for the past fifteen years, spent much of our time travelling back and forth to Romania (alas, not on the bike, but in a 7.5 tonne panel van), taking the Gospel and practical aid to our needy brothers and sisters in this largely forgotten country. In 1993, God called us to give up our paid employment and set up a registered charity 'Jesus and Relief Supplies' (J.A.R.S.), web address [www.jars.org.uk](http://www.jars.org.uk), through which we have worked since then. Our trips getting more and more frequent and our God-given love for the Romanian people gets stronger and more vibrant each visit.

Now God is calling us to make the big move and live permanently in



Radauti, in northern Romania: This is a big step, but we are certain of God's calling, and are looking forward to whatever He has in this new stage of our ministry for Him.

First and foremost is the Gospel, which we always endeavour to broadcast, whether through actions or words. We have been working closely for eight years with a Christian group called Hannah, composed entirely of Romanian nationals, and are sure that this contact will continue when we live over there full time. Sue intends

to teach some English, and Ian to get involved with a project installing computer networks into local schools, both as a means of becoming integrated into the locality and getting known to our new neighbours in Radauti. Other than this, we believe God will use us as He sees fit, improving our Romanian language and opening up opportunities to serve Him amongst these often desperate people.

Please pray for and support us as we step out in faith as missionaries. You can contact us by email at: [sue@jars.org.uk](mailto:sue@jars.org.uk), or by telephone on 0870 7572801. We publish a bi-monthly prayer letter. If you're interested, let us know!

## Where to find a CMA Branch

### Scotland

Forth and Tay  
Rest of Scotland  
Scottish Highlands  
Scottish Borders (Twig)

### Midlands

East Midlands  
West Midlands  
Stafford  
Bedford

Norfolk

### Ireland

Ireland

### Isle of Man

Isle of Man

### North East

West Yorkshire  
Lincs & East Yorks  
North East  
North East Derbyshire

### North West

Merseyside  
North Cheshire  
Lakes N' Lancs.

### South West

Bristol  
Gloucester  
Devon

### South East

Kent  
Most of Essex  
& South Suffolk  
North Surrey  
Surrey and Sussex  
Thames Valley  
North London

### Wales

North & West Wales  
South Wales

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A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

## Keep the Fork

By George Best (Ireland)

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her



pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the young woman continued.

"I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman said. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from there on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement.

In all my years of attending church

socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep

your fork' It was my favourite moment because I knew that something better was coming, like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork? Then I want you to tell them "Keep your fork, The best is yet to come." The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death, but he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did.



She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming..

At the funeral, people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over the pastor heard the question "What's with the fork?", and over and over he smiled.

During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolised to her

The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking

about it either. He was right.

So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel indeed.

They make us smile and encourage us to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. You never know when it may be their time to "Keep your fork."

Cherish the time you have and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

Tell this to everyone you consider to be a FRIEND and keep your fork.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a

commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

"Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples.

## Bristol Branch Church Run

(To Coley via the Holy Land). from Geraldine and Nick Ruskin, (Bristol).

It does seem to be a bit of a round about route doesn't it? Let me explain. Nick and myself, (Geraldine) fulfilled a long held



ambition to holiday in the Holy Land-November 2005. Well, we thought we wanted a holiday, but we came back from a pilgrimage! It was one of the most awesome experiences of our lives. To be where our Saviour lived on earth and realise that we stood where He did was inspirational.

We were with a marvellous group that came from the Halifax area, and were led by the Reverend Mark Madeley of Coley Church. He reminded us that we were there to see where Jesus lived and realise the magnitude of His mission. Our faith was enriched by the closeness we felt to God, while remembering He is God of all the world.

Now, to return to the Church run. While we were with the group, they showed a keen interest to learn about the work of the CMA. We, of course enlightened them at great length! The outcome of this was an invite for the Bristol branch to visit them and speak to the congregation of Coley Church during one of their Sunday morning services.

A date was arranged for Sunday 23rd April. West Yorkshire branch was

contacted, so that we could join together for the worship. Coley were very keen to meet the local branch. Three journeyed from

Bristol; not a huge number, but we are a small branch. Twelve came from West Yorkshire.

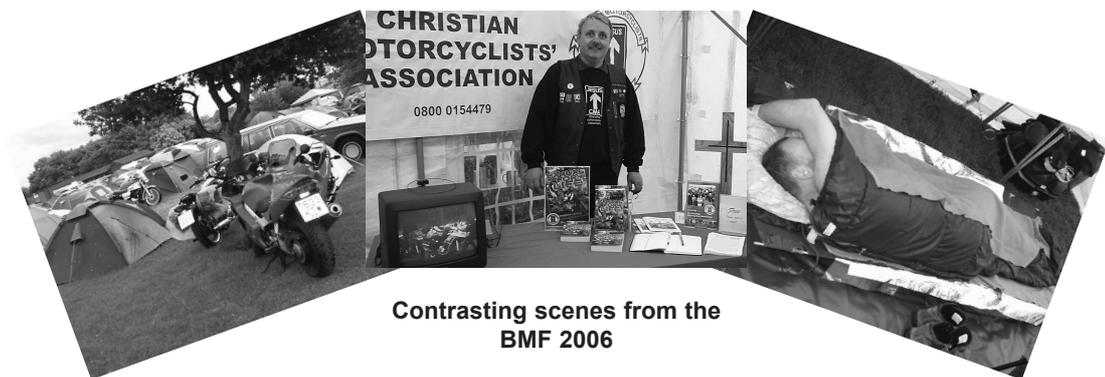
The weather and welcome were fantastic. The 'sermon spot' was given over to the CMA. It started with a general overview of what the CMA is and does by Nick, chairman designate of Bristol branch. Then Neil from Yorkshire talked about the work of the local branch. We ended with a moving testimony about how Jesus had entered and changed the life of John from Yorkshire.

After the service one of the ladies from Coley, Kath, said one testimony was worth seven sermons! The interest in the CMA by the congregation at the time of fellowship was wonderful. It is hoped a link can be maintained between the CMA and Coley from this wonderful day.

A link to the CMA has been established on the Coley Church website. [www.coleychurch.co.uk](http://www.coleychurch.co.uk) Have a browse, you can hear the CMA spot! Go to sounds of Coley-testimony by the Christian Motorcyclists Association.



**Bristol Branch Church Run**  
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**Contrasting scenes from the  
BMF 2006**



**Some of the CMA crew at the 2006 BMF**

## Resurrection

by Robin M Jameson F.R.C.S. Merseyside

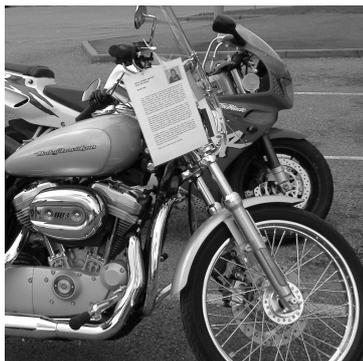
He was a dangerous man and at last they had got him truly dead and buried. In the eyes of the authorities Jesus was a dangerous man. At the beginning of the week claiming to be King, a Messiah, he rode into the capital. Crowds waved palm branches, the same national symbol on the back of the Emperor's coins. He preached about his coming Kingdom. The occupying military force wondered if they would have another bloody revolt on their hands from these troublesome Jews. He was a danger to the religious elite, undermining the power of the priests, challenging the teaching of the leaders. He even claimed to be god, blasphemy indeed. Three previous attempts at mob assassination had failed. The dangerous man had a popular following with all those miracles and they could not deny that they happened. His influence was bad for business too, especially after he cleared out the profiteers, overturning their market stalls in the Temple. All the authorities were pleased when, after a hurried secret and highly illegal trial, he was condemned to a criminal's death. Now he was dead and buried with a guard on his tomb to prevent any trouble, for he said that he would overcome death.



Now it was all finished.

It wasn't only the opposition who thought it was the end. The fringe followers who hoped for the hated Roman occupation to be cast out and a Jewish kingdom established, also thought it was all over. There was no teaching about a defeated and dead messiah, only the hope of a victorious King. Other followers who saw Jesus as a good gentle Teacher who went about doing good, a friend of little children, a healer, even a raiser of the dead, were sad and sorrowful, another idealist killed by the wicked. Those closest to him were confused, dejected and heartbroken. In the last chapter of Mark's Gospel we read about three sad women going to the tomb bearing perfumed spices, just as we take flowers to the graveside. They found the grave stone rolled aside. It was not to let Jesus out but to let his disciples in to discover that he had risen indeed. The Gospel accounts, although different, agree on important points emphasising the historical credibility of the event.

They all state Jesus was dead and buried. They write that the disciples were unprepared for his death, confused, demoralised and sad. All write that on that Easter morning the tomb was empty. The empty tomb was not by itself proof of the



resurrection, for the disciples like Mary at first thought the body was stolen. All the Gospels record that the disciples had experiences which they took to be appearances of their risen Lord. Apart from the biblical narratives, contemporary Judaism had no concept of a dying and rising Messiah. Another fact adding to the historical truth of the event is that the disciples proclaimed his resurrection in Jerusalem where he was killed, near the place where he was once buried. The vacant tomb was there for all to verify their claims. On that eventful Easter morning Jesus passed from an earthly body to immortality, hence the empty shroud and folded face cloth.

The Resurrection is vitally important for many reasons.

1. Jesus kept his promise to rise from the dead, so we can believe He will keep all his other promises.
2. The resurrection ensures that the ruler of God's Kingdom will be the living Christ, not just an idea, a hope or idealist dream.
3. Christ's resurrection gives us the

assurance that we also will be raised from death.

4. The power of God that brought Christ's body back from death is available to us to bring our morally and spiritually dead selves back to life so we can change and

grow.

5. The resurrection provides the substance of the church's witness to the world. We do not merely tell lessons from the life of a good teacher; we proclaim the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Go back to the end of Mark's Gospel; perhaps the ending was lost and incomplete in some manuscripts. What does this mean for us? It was incomplete without the "go and tell"; it's up to us to complete the story by being witnesses proclaiming our Risen Lord by word and deed.

God has a sense of humour. Three women were the first to discover the glorious truth of His victory that Jesus is alive. In those days there was no women's lib; they were undervalued without status. Yet God, in his merciful love, made them the important bearers of good news. Look at them, a family member, a woman of previous bad morals and a woman of status from the ruling household. Different, but loved and chosen to be witnesses. Complete the end of Mark's Gospel. Go forth and tell!

## Robins Remembering the CMA AGM

by Robin M Jameson F.R.C.S. Merseyside

Forgive the pun but this report is a bird's eye view from an observer of the C.M.A. at work. Many people regard such business meetings as a dull duty or a tedious chore. Like many professionals A.G.Ms. can be translated as Another Ghastly

Meeting where people vie for power, each building their own little empires, or waffle on with diarrhoea of words and constipation of ideas or indulge in bureaucratic political correctness, shelving responsibility and postponing decisions which must be made to improve the service.

I find Annual General Meetings of Christian organisations, including my own Church, not a dull duty or chore but a time for thanksgiving, reflection and prayer. For me it is refreshing and a joy to see God at work in many Christian organisations. The A.G.M. of the C.M.A. held last weekend in Congleton for me was a wonderful time. I met friends who I had not seen face to face for years and like many Christian meetings it was special. The reason; because Christ was there from beginning to end. In the beginning He was present as promised as the Risen Lord as we shared in the Communion, He was at



the end too in the Baptismal service, where two ex-squaddies joined the God Squad!

The presence of Jesus was felt in the whole meeting from the presentations, verbal and written, in reports from the Executive and the discussion that

followed. The remarks from the Executive Committee were discussed with wisdom from many members who brought their knowledge and skills to the discussion. It was a sharing, learning process. As a mere male I value the input and contributions that ladies make in our organisation, providing sensitivity and insights. Amongst the items discussed were some proposals about membership, relating to Child Protection and Sexual Offenders. The subject is complex; a moral mine field. I was pleased that various members spoke making valued contributions from their experiences. Sue, of scarlet Ducati fame, was wise in remarking how Vulnerable Adults also needed protection and a numbers of members with great experience of working amongst children and young offenders made helpful contributions.

I applauded the courage of one lady who rightly commented that we must be wary of Child Abusers who are devious and compulsive liars and can deceive the most careful and caring of people. I agreed completely with her having been involved with sex addicts. As a retired hospital consultant with an interest in sexually transmitted diseases (having broadened my knowledge in Soho and elsewhere!) and with two decades of additional charity work as Medical Officer to the Homeless in Liverpool, providing basic care for drug addicts and ex-offenders, I was concerned about the items on the agenda relating to the Protection of Children and Sex Offenders. As one wise member remarked, dealing with the proposals and the current guidelines is a mine field. A Christ-like feature of the A.G.M meeting was how members were heard with affectionate respect.

We were left with much to pray about and the realisation of a need for wisdom in combining in our policies both the compassion and holiness of God. I agreed with Mike Fitton's remark that current society focussed too much on the offender and not on the victim of crime. However, I was not discouraged by the discussion and the proposals being postponed for prayerful consideration by the Executive. We all realise that Satan is alive and active on Planet Earth, but we are on the Victory side.

However the purpose of Robin's rambling is to ask members to pray

about these topics so that as Christians we acknowledge the grace of God in granting forgiveness to us sinners, but also realise that the consequences of sinning remain to affect society. We must give a loving, caring, protecting environment for both children and vulnerable adults who come to our functions. Many are attracted to CMA and, although not believers themselves, see Jesus in us and are attracted by His Goodness working through us. Remember the incident of a child with a T-shirt inscribed; "If lost phone mobile number 123 etc or take me to Holy Joe's Tent." People trust us because we know Him.

Before Robin flies off he must, on behalf of all of you, thank the dedicated elected officials/organisers past and present who do so much for us all. Thank you everyone!

I was noting the Treasurer's Report. Once more a handful of godly giving people supporting the organisation and a form was enclosed with the Financial Report for giving by Bankers Order monthly. One feature of our CMA AGM was the presence of Christ's love and I recall Amy Carmicheal writing "You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving." Go on, fill in the form and show what a heart of love you have! Martin Luther wrote "When a man is converted first it's his heart, then his mind and lastly his wallet"

## Fruitful Fellowship

by Debbie Jones - South Wales Chair

### Matthew 14:17 Loaves & Fishes.

Whenever Christians get together you can be pretty sure that food will be involved. As Adrian Plass said in one of his early books, he knows when he is at a Christian event as quiche is always served. A friend of mine who was a new Christian, upon reading this, adopted it as a fact and

whenever quiche was served at a meeting or party I would get a thumbs up from him. As preparing and serving food is one of my favourite forms of service most places I go, I tend to find my way into a kitchen, that is how I have found myself writing this article.

This recipe really has developed over the years but has got to be one of the easiest to do. I was introduced to it shortly after becoming a Christian by a friend who used to be in Norfolk CMA, so credit must go to 'Splodge' for the original idea.

Ingredients:- Chocolate (any flavour)  
Cream (single or double)

Chunks of fresh Bananas, pears, grapes, apples, strawberries, tinned or fresh pineapple, mandarins, marshmallows, Jelly babies, flying saucers, and miscellaneous jelly shapes.

Simply melt the chocolate-this can be done in a microwave for 1-2 minutes or over some hot water. Don't do it over direct heat as the chocolate burns very easily. Once it is melted, simply stir in the cream and serve in a bowl. Chop fruit and arrange with sweets on a large tray or in small bowls. Provide everyone with a fork and leave the rest to the imagination. It



can be kept warm over a bowl of hot water to prevent it from thickening to much.

I have made this many times as lots of cma reps, Exec, Etc, can testify to and it has always gone down (so to speak) very well, but never as much as at HJ's at NABD rally in Oxford a few years ago. Four of us from South

Wales branch had decided to help at HJ's that weekend. We decided to have our evening meal together before starting our night shift and make Chocolate fondue for dessert. We had each taken some fruit and sweets with us and when we combined our contributions we had a wonderful selection which more than filled us and left the tray still almost full of goodies. We took the bowl and tray into HJ and left it there for the other staff. They all had some and the rally go'ers joined in too, coming back in at various times through the evening and late night. People kept bringing in their own contributions to keep it going which it did, all night.

So dessert for four became a new HJ treat for a whole rally site. So whether it's an intimate dinner party for two or a HJ for a couple of hundred why not try some fruitful fellowship.



## Mexico CMA President and Family at Iron Mountain 2005



### CMA Family

**Yes, the whole family get involved with the outreach work of the CMA**

**This is a picture from our Ireland Branch**

**Do you want to be part of the bigger family of God?, then visit the web site, ring the number, look up your local branch on the web. We await your call.**



## Ain't God Good? AMEN!

by Yvonne (Surrey And Sussex Prayer Warrior) sent in by Sarge

The picture was taken on Yvonne's Birthday. She had never met Bikers before or sat on a Bike. This piece was in response to the 'FastTrak' request for 'Fat Mike' from Norfolk branch who had his Bike stolen and then found it around the corner. Yvonne Miller is one of Surrey & Sussex's Prayer Warriors. She has supported them for over a year after contacting them on her 60th Birthday as she had always wanted to be envolved with Bikers and was a committed Christian. Yvonne has fought many battles with ill heath and has remained an inspiration to us throughout it all.

You know, I always pass on our prayer requests to my lovely sister in Christ who lives in Texas (USA) She always lets me know that there is a wonderful 'prayer warrior world-wide chain', with committed, loving, caring Christians, uplifting anyone who needs prayer, even though (in most cases) these praying warriors don't even know the people they are praying for.

We have seen so many powerful and dramatic answers to prayer in so many areas. I mentioned to Joyce that I feel so humbled and overawed to know that people in Singapore, Chile, India, USA, Mexico, Africa (North, Central and South) UK, Europe, and even in Russia, are praying for lil' old me and all my beloved brothers and sisters.

Well, I just want to share this with you. I only received the e-mail this evening from Joyce (it's morning over there) and she said she got a response to our prayer request for Mike and that someone said he must just walk down the road and look in a back street (alleyway). They felt sure the bike had been abandoned by the thieves.

Wow! When I got this e-mail from you.....I had to forward it straight away to Joyce. Global prayers have such power and



Gaynor Sage, Dave Phelps, Mark Zivilik [behind], Ted Russell Yvonne Miller (front)

please don't think I'm going barmy, but I do want to share this with you as well.....

I was feeling really sore and in pain last week and shared it with Joyce (she is becoming such a special sister to me). She immediately responded and told me that I had so many people praying for

me that God would hear and undertake. This is amazing.....but when I went to bed that night, before I went to sleep, I felt so calm and at peace and I "saw" all these hands reaching out towards me, and I knew they were the hands of all those prayer warriors, directing their prayers through God, towards me.

So, I just want to let you know that whenever you have a special prayer request, especially for those who are suffering in pain and illness, there are so many hands around the world, reaching up to God, and out towards you all, uplifting us all in the powerful Spirit of prayer.

God bless you all, and stay strong in the Lord, for He will never forsake us in our needs. I love you all and pray that you receive a special blessing from Christ, and that He fills you with his healing, peace, love and grace to strengthen your faith and love for Him.

## Wirral Egg Run 2006

by Wendy Peek - Merseyside.

Local newspapers had been full of stories about the cancellation of the Wirral Egg Run for the second year in succession, but thousands of motorcyclists proved them wrong on 2nd April. The



'unofficial' run went ahead, with no police marshalling and no road closures. Traffic lights and roundabout priorities were obeyed and there were no signs of trouble.

As with many public events, the reason given for the official cancellation was the difficulty with public liability insurance. However, police, local council and hospital authorities all appeared to have the attitude that if a few thousand individual motorcyclists decided to ride from New Brighton to Clatterbridge Hospital on the same day then that would not be an organised event and no action would be taken to stop it! Huge numbers turned out to watch and wave as the ride went past, despite the wind, clouds and showers, with many expressing support for the run.

CMA Merseyside set up a small gazebo at the hospital, offering free teas and coffees, bibles and literature. It was very different from a normal Holy Joe's. Instead of a slow and steady stream of visitors, we spent the first 45 minutes just making coffees for each other and hospital

security staff, who were setting up huge tables ready to receive Easter Eggs and money from the riders. Then the front of the ride arrived, and within about an hour 2,500 bikers (according to the press)

were jammed into hospital car parks. There were inevitably long queues for food and refreshment, but there was much good humoured conversation during the wait.

As well as offering teas and coffees we wandered around the bike park, giving out CMA literature and invitations to hear Mike Fitton being interviewed at a local church that evening. We know of five people who took up that offer, and we also made some useful contacts with one of the local motorcycle training schemes and the local college.

We collected donations of £100 for the egg run charity - the Jellybean Appeal - which funds resources for sick children in the Wirral area. They raised over £5,000 on the day, as well as half filling a 7.5 tonne truck with Easter eggs, donated for patients in Wirral hospitals.

We were very pleased to have been part of this event, and both hospital security staff and Jellybean personnel have asked if we would be there again next year. It was a great start to the 2006 season.

## North and West Wales

by Bob

On the 18 of March 2006 the North and West Wales Twig presented the C.M.A to the home church family of Bob, (Twig Chair)-all members bar one were there.

We were supported by three other branches, South Wales, North Cheshire and Stafford.

We also received great support from Bob's home church family in the form of food and getting the hall for us to do the presentation. A special thanks goes firstly to Rachel Milner for her invaluable support of taking Stephen and Robert to her home and caring for them over-night, enabling us to give C.M.A members a place to sleep. Secondly, Dave Best who has video taped the event and is hoping to make a DVD for use at other events. The evening was a great success with a total of 52 people of which 20 where C.M.A members and their families. We were also joined by Paul & Charlotte from Llanbedr, who had contacted Bob the previous weekend with an interest in C.M.A and possible membership. Please pray this takes place.

Apart from N and W Wales doing the presentation, Debbie of S. Wales did an interview session with members



from N. Cheshire and Stafford. As part of the interview, Debbie asked how far they had travelled to get to the event and each one was around the 120 mile mark. Prior to the interviews Debbie gave a brief

summary of who she was and where she came from, but did not say the distance travelled. 135 miles, that's not much more you might say, but from there to here it takes 4 hours driving; still not too much to do? Well, when I tell you they did not leave the Llyn peninsula till gone 10.30 getting home around 3 am a Sunday morning then having to get up and be out of the house for 8am to go to a dedication, followed by another event in the evening involving their branch. I think that constitutes GOING THE EXTRA MILES.

The following morning was the icing on the cake so to speak, when Bob and family where joined at his home church by three members of Stafford Branch, Martin, Peter and Geoff, plus Andy of the N. and W. Wales twig. Andy was a real answer to prayer because his bike got a puncture the night before in the rear tyre whilst riding to Bob's home.

He contacted the RAC breakdown for assistance on Sunday morning because he had to travel home some 100 miles. We did not have the equipment available to repair the puncture ourselves, but a local company called Hardys contacted Andy to let him know what was happening. He was overjoyed to hear that they were going to take the bike to their garage and repair the puncture for him, thus enabling him to ride home.

At 10.15 Bob, along with Martin, Peter and Geoff set off for church, stopping off along the way to see how things were progressing with Andy's bike. When we arrived at the garage we were told he would not make it to church so we all said our farewells and I (Bob), prayed quietly for the repair to be effected in time for Andy to still make church.

We arrived at church. The service went well and Martin was asked to speak to us about the things he does in C.M.A. He related the work he has been involved with at Warrington house, a young offender's

establishment, in company with Colin Pownell and others. This was received very well and tied in with the theme of the service. Near to the end of the service, just in time for the collection, the door opened and in came Andy. Praise the Lord for answering our prayers.

After the service we had tea and coffee. All the C.M.A engaged with the church family and we left around 12.40 to start the journey home. Bob and Andy decided to ride with the guys from Stafford to Bala, where they would then head for Llangollen and on to Stafford. Bob rode with Andy to Dollgellau when Andy then headed for home via Machynlleth and Aberystwyth, eventually arriving home in New Quay. Bob set out for home, arriving there around 4pm feeling very tired and externally cold, but with a warmth radiating from within and a sense of fulfilment, knowing the work of God had taken place and the N. and W. Wales Twig had just grown a little more with Grace and Love of God.



## Tough Faith by Dan Harris Kent Branch

Let me start by saying this, simply and to the point If God has given you a vision or a purpose for your life - whatever it may be - it will happen. You might get doubts, you might get opposition from the enemy, you might get people ridiculing you. But if you hold onto God's plan for your life, and seek Him, it will happen.

Over the last seven years I have been working with some of Kent's toughest teenagers who the school system could not cope with. But last year the stress of it all caught up with me and I lost my job and spent the summer struggling to pay the bills. During this time God did something - He completely refreshed my faith. And I met my wife-to-be! (but that is another story)

In that time He gave me a new mission. It was simple. Through use of the image of motorcycling, to go into schools and tell young people about Jesus. God was calling me to live by faith.

At the time I thought that the whole idea was crazy. Here I was, a failed youth worker with no job or income, and God in His graciousness was giving me this wonderful task.

Over the first half year I struggled with the new call. I had to choose to work



part time to concentrate on the vision, and I had to battle emotionally with a lot of criticism that made other people, and occasionally myself, question what I was doing. Maybe I made some mistakes that made people question what I was doing, but hey, you only work things through by trial and error.

During this time the following Scripture kept me sane:

"Without weakening in his faith, Abraham faced the fact that his body was as good as dead - since he was 100 years old - and that Sarah's womb was dead.

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God ... being fully persuaded that God had the power to fulfil what He had promised." (Romans 4:20/21)



Since then I have developed a youth work programme called Full Throttle, that uses the CMA Biker's Bible in Religious Education lessons, and several motorbike courses, showing young people how to ride responsibly and have assisted ten students in passing their CBT. All of this is done from a Christian perspective and covers issues such as forgiveness, attitudes to authority, and the consequences of crime.

During this academic year I will have visited four schools and run over 30 lessons. And this is just the start. If God is calling you to do something, please may I encourage you to step out and do it. You will probably get opposition, and there will be a cost to live with, but keep the faith. Stay humble, seek God, forgive those who doubt you, rejoice with God for what He is doing.

**For more information, please visit [www.fullthrottleuk.co.uk](http://www.fullthrottleuk.co.uk)**

Do you read books? Do you have a good memory for what's read? and could you or would you like to write a book review from time to time?

At the AGM at Congleton many were speaking about books they're about to read or have read and many mentioned that there are a lot of good books.

Make time to read some, get a bigger understanding of God's Love and Grace. There are so many good books out there that it would be good to get some sound recommendations.



Hi everyone **The caption competition!** wow! what a response, I was amazed, the winner was Pidd, not only did he have the best caption but he was also the fastest in reading the magazine and sending me his entry, very impressed. How many replied? **ONE**, Again! **"where were you"**

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?	autopsy?
WITNESS: No.	WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?	ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
WITNESS: No.	WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
ATTORNEY Did you check for breathing?	ATTORNEY: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: No.	WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the	

## The President comes to Tywyn

by Richard Stagg

The coast road into Aberdovey snakes its way downhill with some breathtaking views of the estuary and you have to take care not to take your eyes off the road for too long as you negotiate the hairpins. As I took



this route on the afternoon of 11th December 2005, the sun was bright and the sky clear blue and I was praising the Lord for the beauty of His creation, I was reminded of Moses as he watched the Glory of the Lord pass by.

I was on my way to Tywyn Baptist Church, where the North and West Wales twig of the CMA, of which I am an associate member, meet every month. This, however, was to be a very special event as our illustrious President, Mike Fitton was to join us for a bring and share Christmas party, followed by the evening meeting in the church which our hosts had kindly allowed us to take over completely.

Mike gave the members of the twig a presentation on the format, aims and activities of the CMA and we were all greatly encouraged. Then it was party time.

The church has a well equipped, comfortable hall, kitchen and offices attached and they always make us

very welcome, so it was good to have some of their members join us for some food and games for the children. As yet we have only eight paid-up members, but together with some of their children,

there was a good crowd and a good time was had by all.

The evening meeting in church was opened in prayer by Nick, followed by worship, lead by the church's worship group. Bob, our Chairman, then gave a presentation to the congregation about the CMA, introduced us all and then gave his testimony. Bob's testimony is amazing anyway, but was augmented by a fun and very well delivered PowerPoint presentation, which was very well received.



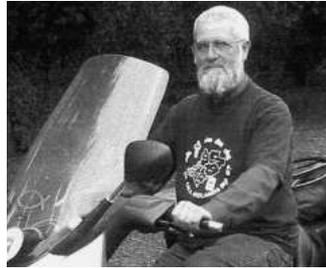
More worship was followed by a reading by Sue from the 'Manual for Life' and then Mike gave his talk. His gifting as a preacher and evangelist were abundantly in evidence as he held the attention of the entire congregation, both bikers and non bikers and uplifted and encouraged us all.

More worship followed and then I had the privilege to close the service in prayer.

The congregation were all keen to talk to Mike and the rest of us over coffee afterwards and said how much

they had enjoyed the evening. Our thanks go to Mike for making such a huge effort to come to support and encourage us.

We are truly blessed to have such a welcoming place to meet, and I pray that the Lord will bless the church for their generosity and the good Christian witness that they convey. I pray too that our twig will grow rapidly and that the Lord will use us to spread the Good News of his Gospel to our brother and sister bikers. We would greatly value your prayers to this end.



### **No time, no time!** by Pidd

I knelt to pray but not for long,  
I had too much to do.  
I had to hurry and get to work for bills  
would soon be due.  
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,  
and jumped up off my knees.  
My Christian duty was now done;  
my soul could rest at ease.....  
All day long I had no time to spread a  
word of cheer,  
No time to speak of Christ to friends,  
they'd laugh at me I'd fear.  
No time, no time, too much to do,

that was my constant cry,  
No time to give to souls in need - - -  
But at last the time arrived - - -  
The time to die!  
I went before the Lord. I came. I stood  
with downcast eyes.  
For in his hands God held a book;  
it was the "Book of Life".  
God looked into his book and said  
"Your name I cannot find.  
I once was going to write it down...  
But never found the time."

**Author Unknown**

## It's All About Timing

by John Pritchard

The clock on the staff room wall had stopped working, so having been removed by a manager, this was missed by the staff - especially at tea break time!

I asked my manager if I could bring a clock from home?

This was agreed, but the main problem was that not everyone likes to see "Thomas the tank engine" so, this had to be sorted out.

I had the thought that I could use this opportunity to promote the Christian Motorcyclist Association, but how?

I gently took the plastic plain cover off the clock front, which exposed the hands & paper background, which was removed.

Then I looked at the CMA information leaflet, choosing the centre page that shows myself in the group picture, "Little John" wearing his cut-off and gives the scriptural reference "make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do, and will praise your Father in heaven."

Using the plastic cover, I traced the outline of the circle and cut out the piece I needed, then put this onto the back of the clock.

The parts were replaced, new battery fitted, (it still worked!), and so the clock was ready for taking to my workplace.

There was a wall hook already in place - as used by the previous clock, so I simply put my clock onto it, said a



prayer that it would work to the correct time of day, to tell the people about the C.M.A. and give Jesus the glory!

Since the clock has been placed on the wall, I have been asked many questions and people have made comments like "The man

who is smiling, what is his name?" and frequently people have spotted me in the group photograph with the general comment." Are there that many of you Christians that ride motorcycles?"

One of the small photographs shows a blond haired young lady standing beside her yellow motorcycle, which has impressed the women members of staff, that we have female riders, who own large motorcycles!

Every time I look at the clock I am reminded of my friends, that I am a member of the CMA, and it gives me such encouragement when I have to explain to people about this unusual clock that is in the staff rest room.



# What Moves You?

by John Ogden Snr USA

What is your heart's desire? What is the force that drives you? To put it in biblical terms, what is the treasure of your life? Matthew 6:21 states clearly, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". Where is your heart? Find your treasure and you will find your heart.



your treasure, and given your heart to anything but Him, then take a moment and repent from that. Ask God to be your treasure. Ask Him to be your all in all.

I pray for each of you today that Christ will be your treasure

and that your heart will belong totally to Him.

What do you spend most of your time doing? If you have a day off, what do you do with it? When you have the opportunity to choose what your time is spent on, upon what do you spend it? Name that and you have also named your treasure and you have found where your heart is.

As bikers, it is easy to fall into the trap of giving our hearts to our bikes. Maybe we are addicted to the ride, or maybe to just keeping them clean, or keeping them finely tuned. While there is nothing wrong with any of these, as Christian bikers we should always be careful to not give our heart to our bikes or to anything other than the One we serve.

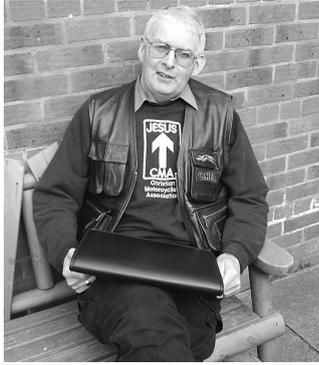
"For Him we live and move and have our being," to quote the apostle Paul (Acts 17:28). Look over your life for just a moment. If you find that you have made anything besides Christ



## How Passionate are you?

by David Hunter - Rest of Scotland Branch

Thinking about passion, it is interesting just what sort of things people are passionate about. Some of you may be really passionate about motorcycles, to the point where you know every last detail about hundreds of different bikes and all sorts of facts and figures which



you get very excited about. Others are passionate about cars, which produces the same glazed look in me. Some people are passionate about wine, and can tell not only the brand of wine, but what vineyard it came from by simply smelling it - not even tasting it. Others are passionate about music, or art - the list is virtually endless!

The one I find most difficult to understand (with tongue firmly in cheek) is people who are passionate about food - after all we just eat to live don't we? Or is it a case of living to eat for many of us?

Then of course there is human passion, the sort of love that grows between a man and a woman leading to their engagement and marriage - at least for Christians and others who still possess moral and spiritual values.

I looked up the dictionary to obtain its meaning of the word 'passion' and found it very interesting to see what is

listed first.

Passion - The story of Christ's suffering and last agony; intense emotion, as of grief, rage, love; eager desire.

I led a service in my church recently on this theme, and also had a long discussion on the 'phone with a dear CMA friend about the

passion, or rather lack of it in many Christians for Christ. Sadly our joint experience has been and still is, that many Christians are distracted by other things, sometimes quite worthy things in themselves - even work for their Church or CMA, but have lost their passion for Jesus and for sharing their faith with others in order to lead them to Christ.

It's too easy to be sidetracked by other things, isn't it? Even the things that are in themselves worthy and good.

Do we have a passion for Jesus and for sharing our faith with others? Should we have such a passion, or is this going over the top?

Let's think for a moment what Jesus has done for us. Remember the song by Noel Richards 'You laid aside Your majesty, gave up everything for me'.

This reminds us that Jesus, the King of Kings, laid aside His majesty and came onto this earth,

born in a stable, was crucified, died and rose again - not for the anonymous whole world, but for you and me, in order that our broken relationship with God the Father could be restored. He suffered a cruel beating and scourging, and then the most horrific death known to man, for you and me.

He gave up everything, including His life and, most of all, His relationship with God the Father, during the period following His death until His resurrection, for you and me. He came, in His own words, to give us life, life in all its fullness. Not a life of rules and regulations, but life in all its fullness. And not just for the period of our earthly lives either, but for the whole of eternity. Does this Jesus not fill you with love and passion? A passion for Him, to love and get to know Him better, and a passion to share His love with those that He puts across our paths. Oh I know that the latter is difficult for us. Maybe we see it as impossible, but if Jesus becomes

our passion, He will not only give us a passion to share with others, but will be there with us, leading and giving us the words to share with them.

What a world this is at present, but what a world it could, and will become if the people of God become passionate about Jesus and about sharing their faith. In our own time on earth we can see the world around us change for the better. We can see men, women and young people come into a living and vibrant faith. What will it take? PASSION. Do you have it? Then ask the Lord for more and more of it and for opportunities to reach others in His Name. If your passion is at a low, or non-existent level, think of what Jesus has done for you and ask Him to fill you with passion (i.e. love for God and His people and an eager desire to serve Him better and reach others in His Name.

Let's get passionate for Christ and the work to which he has called us.

**Lack of passion is like insufficient propellant, or gunpowder - the effect is we miss the target.**



## **Caption competition 2**

**OK, we all know who it is. Pidd won the last competition. See page 55. Who can beat Pidd?**

**A prize might be wishful thinking.**

**The under 18s have a word search who will be the best? youth or adult.**

## What Easter Means To Me

by Robin M. Jameson F.R.C.S. Merseyside.

Begin by reading I Corinthians chapter 15 and concentrate on verses 14-22.

I want to mention that unmentionable subject-death. My career began in a children's ward in the 1950's when 90% of children with leukemia died within a month. I had to face death and comfort grieving parents with all their emotional turmoil of anger, bitterness and sorrow associated with their loss. Years later I trained as a Urologist with an interest, amongst other things, in cancer of the prostate and bladder. I treated many folk with cancer. It was ironic that my mother died of bladder cancer and we looked after her in her final days. The old enemy death is one we must all face even if like Woody Allen we may think "when death comes I'd rather not be there when it happens!" Both on a professional level as a doctor and a personal level in caring for members of my family-one tetraplegic father-in-law and my wife's stepmother after many strokes nursing both in our home, I have met the old enemy many times. The Easter message is of special significance to me and it can be summed up in one word "Victory." A friend of ours uses 3 words to describe Easter; excitement, enjoyment and expectation.



Excitement because Jesus died for me personally. I have been made right with God because of what Jesus did for me by His death and resurrection. Enjoyment, because I can enjoy here and now peace with God and walk in His company. Expectation, because no matter what unforeseen trouble I may

face, including my own death, I am on the victory side with an assurance that I will meet my Saviour and those whom I love in the Lord in Heaven. That's what Easter means to me-what the traditional prayer book funeral service calls the "sure and certain hope of the resurrection." It's not pie in the sky when we die but walking joyfully with Jesus in the present, excited that I can be sure that through God's undeserved goodness, I am on the victory side, enjoying His presence day by day and with the expectation of unimaginable better things to come in His presence for eternity.



## Pentecost 2000 by Colin Wright Gloucester Branch

**My word that goes out from my my mouth; It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55 v11 (NIV).**

Back in the year 2000, as part of the millennium celebrations, our branch had a stand at P2K. This was a Christian event, held at Cheltenham racecourse. Some of you may remember this event as Pentecost



"This is Reverend John from India. I am now staying in Wotton under Edge". (My home town). "Can I come and see you". So we made arrangements to meet. He told me he had been so inspired back in 2000

2000. Anyway, during the day we had all sorts of people visit the stand. One particular fellow, an Indian vicar, took some photos and then left. A few minutes later we found he had left some items on the stand, so I went to find him.

I found him in the grandstand and we spent a few minutes talking bikes, Jesus and the role of the CMA (not necessarily in that order). Anyway, we parted, having exchanged addresses and I thought nothing else of it.

The years passed and our conversation disappeared into the mists of time. I'd lost his contact details and life went on with its ups and downs.

Last Autumn I had a phone call. " This is Reverend John from India. We met at Pentecost. I am in Cirencester." (About 20 miles from my home). "Can you come and see me." I explained I had no transport and couldn't get about.

A few days later I had another call.

by our short conversation about the work of the CMA that he went back to India and started his own motorcycle ministry. He has called it Christian Motorcycle Ministries.

The diocese he works in is about the same size as Wales and in the forest regions access to remote villages is limited. So John and his team have gone out to over 200 villages on motorcycles, spreading the gospel to a mainly Hindu community. As you will see by the photograph they even have a mobile PA system!

We may feel sometimes that our witness may be feeble and we are seeing little fruit from our labours, but I have had the privilege of hearing how a few seemingly insignificant words, some years ago, have been used to touch many lives on another continent. It is certainly true that God's word will not return to Him empty.

***see next page for photos.***



## Pentecost 2000



*Rev John his motorcycle team and his PA set*

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## **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.** - Acts 2:21

Christians believe that the Bible is the living word of God to His people, written over thousands of years, by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. So when you read the verse at the top of this page from the book of Acts, the word 'everyone' includes you!

Maybe you don't think God is interested in you. Think again EVERYONE. Is it beginning to sink in? God loves *you*.

In this edition of Chainlink you have read testimonies of people who have called on the name of the Lord. Each one has a different story to tell, but they all have one thing in common, JESUS.

Salvation is free from God; you can't earn your way in with good deeds (read Ephesians 2: 8,9). Maybe you're one of those people who they say has not done many wrong things. Please don't be deceived into thinking there will be a place in Heaven for the not-so-wrong ones.

Christians the world over have learned that if you leave God out of your life, then you leave Him out for ever.

The CMA Members have found new life through Jesus Christ (read Acts 3:15). There will have been a starting point to this. God knows your heart. If you call on the name of the Lord, He will hear your cry. You can ask Jesus into your life today if you wish. God will hear your prayers. If you have never prayed before try the one below.

*Lord Jesus, You died on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven. I want You to come into my life and become Lord of my life, now and forever in heaven. Please forgive all the wrong things I have done, wash me clean and fill me with Your Spirit. Thank you for bringing me back to our Father in Heaven. Amen.*

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If you have prayed this prayer for the first time and meant it from the heart, well done! You may not feel any different at first, but it will be a good idea to tell the person who gave you this magazine. With God's help you need to find a good church that can offer you the support, understanding and friendship you need. You are now part of God's family.

God Bless you. Mike Fitton. President (UK) CMA

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